

Jacksaphine Count(r)y Fair a week long this year!

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What does a week in life look like in the Applegate Valley? We're about to find out! After the fantastic success of the Jacksaphine Count(r)y Fair last September, A Greater Applegate is expanding the event into a weeklong celebration! From September 21-29, we invite you to wander through a series of fun events designed to celebrate the beauty, flavors, and diversity of this special valley we call home.

Kickoff

We'll kick it off with a party on Saturday night in the Little Applegate featuring local live music from beloved bluegrass band, Eight Dollar Mountain, along with Love Buzz from Williams and Quale from Yale Creek. From there we go to the Williams Farmers Market on Monday to participate in this long-standing community event. On Tuesday evening, we will host a family-friendly movie night at Pacifica, followed by an expanded Applegate Evening Market at the Lindsay Lodge and The Station on Wednesday. On Thursday we will collect BottleDrop Give recycling in Ruch and then head over to LongSword Vineyard on Friday night for a "Glass-off" sunset viewing of the paragliders flying from Woodrat and landing to join us for dinner and a glass of wine. They will share why Woodrat is one of the best places in the world for the sport and bring a wing to see up close. Saturday features an equestrian program on safely sharing trails at Provolt Recreation Site. Finally, we will close out the week with an afternoon of Art in the Vineyard at Wooldridge Creek Winery.

It's a big week with opportunities to connect, stay local, try something new, and have a little fun while enjoying some of the beautiful venues, fantastic music, delicious food and libations, and community spirit our valley has to offer. All proceeds support A Greater Applegate's networks and working groups.

New Business Network Directory

On that note, watch for a new and improved online Business Network Directory on applegateconnect.org in the next couple of weeks. This valuable resource will allow Applegate community members to find the goods and services they need locally, a service that helps support local business and prosperity. After the launch of the Business Network Directory, our Business Network Coordinator will create an updated Business Map, both printed and online. If you have any questions or would like to have your business included, please reach out to kate@agreaterapplegate.org. We especially encourage those of you in the trades and those who provide vital services to homeowners and businesses to join us in these projects. We look forward to meeting you and helping facilitate business-to-business connections.

Summer of 1,000 Rural Gatherings

We are also participating in the "Summer of 1,000 Rural Gatherings" sponsored by the Ford Family Foundation. These gatherings are meant to inspire people to connect over food, share stories, and meet neighbors—new and old. If you would like to host a gathering in your neighborhood, fill out

the short application on agreaterapplegate.org. Once your application is approved, we will provide a \$250 stipend for food, beverages, venue, party supplies, or outreach materials. Host one during Jacksaphine Count(r)y Week and be part of the fun!

Finally, we'd like to highlight new recycling options available in the Applegate. Thanks to the Applegate Valley Vintners Association, we now have a big container for glass recycling located behind the Ruch Country Store. A Greater Applegate also now accepts returnable recyclables via our Blue Bag BottleDrop program. Glass, plastic, and aluminum can all go together in one blue bag, as long as it has the OR-\$.10 on the container. You can pick up blue bags at our office or at the Applegate Evening Market on Wednesdays. Then return them to us when full or drop them at a BottleDrop station in Medford or Grants Pass. It's the ultimate win-win for our community: every bag donated becomes dollars supporting A Greater Applegate's work.

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of events for Jacksaphine Count(r)y Week, go to agreaterapplegate.org and applegateconnect.org or our social media. You can also call the office at 541-702-2108, send an email, or pop in to see us from 10 am-4 pm Monday-Wednesday in Sunshine Plaza in Ruch.

Cheers to September!

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